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In re application of:)
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Fawaz, et al.)
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Application No: 09/189,819)
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Filed: November 10, 1998)
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO)
MINIMIZE CONGESTION IN A PACKET)
SWITCHED NETWORK)

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2002, please enter the following
amendment and consider the following remarks.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please find proposed corrections Figures 1-3 included.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-4 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows, and add the following new claims.

1. (Amended) A method of controlling congestion in a network having a plurality of
switching points, comprising:
receiving a message from a first switching point at a second switching point to indicate
that traffic between a source and a destination is congested; and

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